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December 20, 2018

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: Amendment to Letter L 18-51 – School Health Services Program

On September 26, 2018, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued letter L 18-51 to all Tribal Chairs and Health Directors, in compliance with Section 1902(a)(73) and Section 2107(e)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act, providing notice of the department's intent to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) and corresponding Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) Amendment to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to expand nursing and non-physician behavioral health services in the schools. This letter provides additional information regarding these proposed amendments.

These amendments would expand services currently provided in the intermediate school districts to additional Medicaid eligible students. This change would also expand behavioral health and nursing services for general education students. Other changes in these amendments include clarification of service prescription requirements and annual settlement timeline clarifications. The proposed changes will increase access to intermediate school district services for Native American children attending public schools beyond those proposed in the previous letter. The proposed effective date of the SPA and ABP amendment is January 1, 2019, with an effective date of July 1, 2019 for all random moment time study methodology changes.

There is no public hearing scheduled for the SPA or ABP amendment. Input regarding these amendments is highly encouraged, and comments regarding this notice of intent may be submitted to Lorna Elliott-Egan, MDHHS Liaison to the Michigan tribes. Lorna can be reached at 517-284-4034, or via email at Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov. **Please provide all input by February 4, 2019.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual consultation meetings in order to discuss the SPA and ABP amendment, according to the tribes' preference. Consultation meetings allow tribes the opportunity to address any concerns and voice any suggestions,

revisions, or objections to be relayed to the author of the proposal. If you would like additional information or wish to schedule a consultation meeting, please contact Lorna Elliott-Egan at the telephone number or email address provided above.

MDHHS appreciates the continued opportunity to work collaboratively with you to care for the residents of our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Stiffler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathy" and last name "Stiffler" clearly distinguishable.

Kathy Stiffler, Acting Director
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